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B'luru makes a pitch to promote sustainable transport mode that envisions a greener city for future generations

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GREY AREA

BWSSB mulls making grey water recycling mandatory for all newly constructed independent houses in the city

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Of 19 dilapidated BBMP school buildings identified by quality assurance dept, only few have been demolished so far. Construction work is limited and students have not been relocated to safer buildings

DON'T CUT CLASS

Just 1 company responded to civic agency's plea to help fix educational facilities under CSR initiatives

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Bengaluru is known as the education hub of the country because of some of the top educational institutions being in the city. For many decades, some of the government and BBMP-run schools too have been at the forefront in providing quality education. However, today the situation of BBMP schools is nothing to write home about. With many functioning out of damaged and precarious buildings, parents hesitate to send their wards to these schools.

BBMP oversees 168 educational institutions, from nursery schools to post-graduate colleges, accommodating around 24,400 students. Most of these lack basic infrastructure, including playgrounds and boundary walls, and the toilets are often unhygienic.

In some cases, roofs are damaged, leaving students to endure classes with the constant fear of collapse, especially during the monsoon. Despite these conditions, there has been little effort to provide safe, well-maintained facilities.

"Demolition work has been completed in areas like Kanakanapalya, Malleswaram, and Bharatinagar, while a new building is underway in Jogupalya, with plans to start work in other locations soon — BBMP official

₹190-crore grant

Sources said that the BBMP has seen building collapses due to poor construction quality, and deteriorating structures continue to pose hazards. Despite this, the education department has been slow to respond. The state government allocated ₹190 crore under the Amrut Nagarothana scheme for the construction and renovation of school and college buildings. Of the 19 dilapidated buildings identified by the

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Hurdles on the road

Months after B-Khata issued to individual was cancelled, BBMP officials have not got around to clearing construction material strewn around out of the way

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First a road was converted into private property. Then after outcry, the B-Khata granted to the public road was cancelled. But months after the B-Khata was cancelled, construction material still lies uncleared at this road in Garvebhavi Palya, Hongasandra, making it quite obvious that there is no coordination among the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineers and revenue inspectors.

The construction material dumped in 3rd Cross, Muni Reddy Layout of Hongasandra ward has become a hurdle for pedestrians and motorists and also encourages haphazard unauthorised parking of vehicles on the cross road.

It all began with the BBMP Revenue Department issuing a B-Khata to

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Film screening

National Gallery of Modern Art Bengaluru is organising a captivating film screening, 'Other Kohinoors, The Rocks of Hyderabad,' an exploration of Hyderabad's ancient rock landscapes and their cultural and historical significance. Discover the hidden gems of Hyderabad's rocky terrain. This film reveals how these majestic formations have shaped the region's identity over millennia. Entry is free for the event. **Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace road; When: November 13, 5.30 pm**

02 Bharatnatyam mesmer

In celebration of Kanakadasa Jayanthi, a captivating Bharatanatyam tribute to Bhakta Kanakadasa will be presented, honoring the poet-saint whose timeless devotion and literary contributions have left an indelible mark on Karnataka's cultural heritage. This special Bharatanatyam performance on Kanakadasa Jayanthi, will be presented by Acharya Dr Raksha Karthik and her disciples, promises to be a memorable and spiritually enriching experience, inviting art enthusiasts and devotees alike to join in celebrating the poet-saint's legacy. **Where: Devagiri Temple, Banashankari; When: November 17, 5 pm**

03 Antique exhibition

Antique Home Decor is conducting an Exhibition to revive and promote the forgotten art of wicker cane weaving. The products on display include rare sofa sets in Teak and Rosewood, coffee tables, side stands, cabinets, chairs and a lot more of varieties of furniture with inlay of Wicker cane weaving. It includes a rare collection of antique shelves, desks, bar consoles, and dining sets with special appliques of Mother of Pearl and brass, along with other vintage and antique home decor artefacts. **Where: Antique Home Decor, Whitefield; When: November 5- 20**

World public transport day: Step towards sustainability

With Bengaluru's air pollution worsening and city housing more than 1 crore vehicles, need for sustainable mobility is of utmost prominence

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City Police Commissioner B Dayananda with MN Anucheth, Traffic Commissioner, celebrates World Public Transport Day on Sunday at Kempegowda Bus stand Majestic in Bengaluru

As the city's vehicle population continues to soar and crosses a staggering one crore in the past decade, Bengaluru marked World Public Transport Day with a rallying call for a cleaner, greener future. The city's roads, already among the most congested in the country, are now home to the largest number of private vehicles in India. This rapid growth comes at an alarming environmental cost. Bengaluru's air quality has worsened by 46% over the same period, further highlighting the urgent need for a shift towards sustainable mobility.

On World Public Transport Day celebrations, the Masika Sanchara Samparka Divasa was conducted at the BMTC bus stand, Majestic, to promote sustainable transportation and envision greener cities for future generations. As part of the initiative, posters featuring 'Learn Kannada' messages were distributed to auto drivers to display on the vehicles to foster inclusivity and cultural connection with passengers. The day's events aimed at encouraging residents to leave their cars at home and explore the benefits of buses, metros, and cycling.

B Dayananda, commissioner of police, urged Bengaluru residents to take a moment and reflect on the impact of their daily commuting choices. "The statistics speak for themselves. Over the past 10 years, Bengaluru's vehicle population has doubled, but so has the pollution. Today, we encourage every citizen to take public transport. Every single bus ticket and every single metro coin is a step towards cleaner, greener, and more sustainable Bengaluru," Dayananda emphasised.

> **"Every single bus ticket and every single metro coin is a step towards cleaner, greener, and sustainable Bengaluru** – B Dayananda, Commissioner of Police

He went on to say that the city's public transport systems, Namma Metro and BMTC buses, are integral to keeping Bengaluru's community moving. "These services connect our city and are vital to reducing traffic and pollution," he said, adding, "When you choose public transport, you contribute to making Bengaluru a better place for everyone."

Bengaluru's future depends on the collective will of its residents to adopt sustainable modes of transport. As more buses hit the streets and metro expansion continues, the hope is to create a more cohesive network that will reduce the city's dependence on private vehicles, ease traffic congestion, and improve air quality. As the day ended, many commuters pledged to make public transport their first choice, taking an important step towards a cleaner, greener Bengaluru.

100 plogs and 7.5 tons of waste cleared in 2024

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The Indian Ploggers Army, a volunteer group dedicated to cleaning up the city through plogging achieved its 100th plog of 2024 on Sunday with a clean-up activity along Vidhana Soudha road. This is a symbol of the dedication thousands of volunteers have contributed to this year, collecting litter from parks, lakes, government office areas, and more.

Plogging, the combination of jogging and picking up litter, has been taken to new heights by this group, which has cleared a remarkable 7.5 tons of waste in 2024 alone. Since its inception, the group has conducted over 1,050 plogging events, inspiring many citizens to take responsibility for their surroundings and reduce waste.

According to Raj, from the Indian Ploggers Army, cleaning up around lakes has proven to be one of the toughest challenges due to the large amounts of litter found there. "We've found that plogging near lakes presents a unique challenge due to the increased amount of litter, especially the smaller pieces of trash that are often mixed in," he said.

Commonly found items during these clean-ups include discarded gutkha packets, paper cups, plastic bags, plates, and bottles. Raj emphasised the importance of collaboration between citizens and civic authorities. "Experience has shown that lasting change requires a collaborative effort. When citizens and civic authorities work together, not only does the clean-up process go faster, but it also discourages littering in the first place. Active citizen groups are crucial in building respect and communication with authorities, leading to more effective waste management solutions," he added.

Apart from citizen collaboration, Raj believes stricter enforcement of plastic bans is essential, especially with larger vendors who contribute significantly to plastic waste. "Penalties should be levied more stringently," he suggested, noting that large-scale contributors need to be held accountable. Reflecting on the group's impact, Raj said, "This is our 100th plog of 2024, and each one brings individual responsibility and awareness. People who join us for a few plogs become more mindful of littering and often stop using disposables." He

highlighted the importance of engaging younger participants, especially students, in plogging efforts. "Our mission for 2024 was to build up the community, especially with students. The positive impact they create appeals to all age groups and helps spread our vision of a Healthy, Clean, and Green Neighborhood (HCGN)."

With over 3,276 volunteers contributing this year, the Indian Ploggers Army hopes to continue inspiring citizens to make Bengaluru a cleaner, healthier city for all.

Ghazal maestro puts a spell on Bengaluru

'Be-Misaal: An Unique Journey' celebrates 50 years of Hariharan's ghazal legacy with astounding concert

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Be-Misaal: An Unique Journey', an event to celebrate the rich legacy of Padmashri Hariharan, to mark half a century of his unparalleled influence in the world of ghazal, was held in the city recently. As Hariharan's voice continues to mesmerise listeners, Be-Misaal proved to be a fitting tribute to a maestro whose music has been an eternal companion to generations of music lovers.

The third edition of the concert series took place this Saturday at Phoenix Market City, beginning with a rendition of 'Bekheyali Mein', followed by the soulful 'Kash Aisa Koi Manzar Hota'.

Conceived by KP Ranjith, a close family friend of Hariharan, the event honoured Hariharan's 50 years in ghazals. Towards the end, Hariharan performed Uriye and Roja in both Hindi and Tamil as a fusion, concluding the show with enthusiastic applause and vibrant energy from the audience.

"Ghazals are like speaking to each listener, even without looking at them—such is the beauty of this art. It's a dying form, and I hope we continue to hold on to it. There's nothing quite like a ghazal. When film songs incorporate elements of ghazals, they resonate deeply and stay with you forever," Hariharan told reporters at a press meet held prior to the event.

Reflecting on the emotional power of ghazals, Hariharan remarked, "Until you're 25, ghazals might feel overwhelming, but as life and love unfold, their lyrics reveal true depth. As long as there is Cupid, as long as there is love, ghazals will always endure."

Moving moments

And endure it will, as was proved by how spell-bound the audience were as his voice cast a spell during the concert. Many listeners were visibly moved—some leaning on each other's shoulders, others holding hands, embodying a beautiful symbol of love.

The event was a rare opportunity for fans and admirers to interact with the legend himself. With his soothing voice, the evening was an emotional journey through the five decades of musical brilliance that have defined his career. Amit, one of the audience members, told BM about his experience. "Feeling incredibly lucky to have experienced the magic of his melodious voice live – truly an unforgettable experience," he said.

There is a reason Hariharan casts such magic. Here is what he feels about his art, "Music is a good addiction, a positive one. In every religion, there is music—it's the shortest path to reach God. It's like meditation; when you listen to music, you naturally enter a state of relaxation."

Neethu, another attendee at the event said each ghazal came alive through his soulful voice, allowing the audience to feel every emotion—love, longing, nostalgia.

Unforgettable evening

"He sang with such depth and passion, a testament to why he's so highly esteemed in the world of ghazals. Watching Padma Shri awardee Hariharan Ji perform live made for a special, unforgettable evening," she said.

Hariharan's musical journey began in a home where music was as vital as life itself. His parents, HAS Mani and Alamelu Mani, both renowned musicians, exposed him to the wonders of classical music from a young age. Under the tutelage of his mother and later the legendary Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan, Hariharan honed his craft, eventually finding his true calling in Ghazal through the maestro Mehdi Hassan. Over the years, Hariharan's voice has graced numerous albums, including the groundbreaking Aabshar-e-Ghazal, Kaash, Hazir, and Paigham, each a masterpiece in its own right. His voice has also become synonymous with unforgettable hits in Bollywood, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam cinema, with collaborations with AR Rahman creating milestones in films like Roja, Bombay, and Dil Se.

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Citizens pitch in to fix pothole-ridden road

Residents of Brindavan Avenue spend ₹35,000 to level neglected road after appeals to BBMP failed; they urge Palike to complete asphalting for safety

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Residents stated that they have repeatedly appealed to elected representatives and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities to asphalt the road, but their efforts have been in vain. The stretch of road near Brindavan Avenue has turned into an accident-prone zone.

On Saturday, the residents engaged an earth-moving machine to level the road and fill up potholes and craters that became a hurdle for pedestrians and motorists. "We donated money and commenced restoration of the stretch. It will take some more time to make the stretch motorable. We urge the BBMP authorities to asphalt the road for the benefit of residents," said Brindavan Avenue Residents' Welfare Association President, Ajit Kumar, adding that the road is known for water logging whenever it rains heavily.

Appealing to the BBMP authorities to asphalt the roads, Prem Kumar, President of the Brindavan Avenue Residents' Welfare Association, said that he wants to thank all those for donating money for the restoration of the road. "The road has been in a poor condition all these years. We have been appealing to the authorities concerned but nothing has been done to asphalt the road. With no other option, we have decided to develop the road on our own," said Prem Kumar, adding that many two-wheeler riders fell due to the poor condition of the road.

Left: Poor condition of the road; Right: An earth-moving machine levelling the road

Karthik of the Brindavan Avenue Residents' Welfare Association said that the stretch has been levelled with an earth-moving machine. "We may need a few more days to restore the road," he said.

A resident, on the condition of anonymity, said the BBMP authorities and the elected representatives remain apathetic when it comes to developing the road infrastructure in the locality. "We have been paying property tax to the BBMP. Ensuring better roads is the responsibility of the civic body. The BBMP's focus is on the main roads. They are not bothered about the condition of the roads at various layouts in and around Horamavu," the resident said.

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Demanding the BBMP authorities to allocate funds to asphalt the road, a resident said the road turns into a mini water pond or lake during the monsoon. "We struggled a lot last month when heavy rain lashed the city. It was tough to use the road due to water logging," the resident said, adding that the BBMP authorities have to complete the asphalting work as early as possible.

Police commissioner's office adopts zero-waste methods

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In a transformative step toward sustainable waste management, the Commissioner of Police office has adopted zero-waste practices as part of the "Swachha Belaku" initiative, aiming to establish waste-free systems across schools, colleges, and government institutions. This initiative seeks to reduce landfill waste and encourage recycling by installing efficient waste segregation and composting solutions in public institutions. The initiative began in July when Swachha Belaku launched its first zero-waste project at the commissioner's office, previously sending waste to landfills. With support from Bengaluru's Police Commissioner B Dayananda, the office has seen significant progress.

"Initially, when we visited Hegdenagar Police Station, we noticed a lot of unmanaged waste. We then approached the commissioner's office with a proposal for a zero-waste initiative, and Commissioner Dayananda welcomed the idea positively. On July 12, we inaugurated the initiative, setting up a dry waste aggregation centre, lead composter, and multiple bins across rooms and bathrooms. The housekeeping staff received thorough training to manage waste responsibly," explained Suhasini Hathwar from Vedan, an NGO.

To help police officials understand the benefits of a zero-waste campus, Commissioner Dayananda organised a visit for deputy commissioners of police (DCPs) and assistant commissioners of police (ACPs) to the Cambridge Institute of Technology, a campus already practicing zero-waste management. This visit provided insights into sustainable waste practices and demonstrated the positive impacts achievable through proper waste management.

Since the implementation of Swachha Belaku, the commissioner's office has reported impressive results. In August, 507 kilograms of waste were collected, with 324 kilograms (64%) diverted from landfill to recycling, generating Rs 5,570 in revenue. In September, waste collection increased to 1,060 kilograms, with 56% or 595.5 kilograms recycled, earning Rs 6,117.

The initiative also addressed the handling of confidential paper waste, which was previously disposed of through burning. "Instead of burning, we now shred confidential papers, which helps reduce air pollution and conserves resources," Suhasini added. This environmentally friendly approach aligns with Swachha Belaku's vision to create sustainable change through better waste management practices.

"Swachha Belaku's zero-waste initiative at the Commissioner's office demonstrates the potential of such projects to make a tangible impact on waste management in public institutions. With reduced landfill waste, increased recycling, and funds redirected to community causes, the initiative is a model for sustainable change in the city's waste management practices," added Suhasini.

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Stagnant water
MG Road

A water puddle on the MG Road footpath near Canara Bank is stagnant and breeding mosquitoes.

Garbage pile
Siddapura

Garbage blocks 10th C Main Road in Siddapura, causing frequent obstructions, especially on weekdays.

Streetlight blocked
Begur

The streetlight at 12th A Main, Classic Paradise Layout, Begur, is overgrown with vines and bushes, leaving one side of the area in darkness.

Thousands throng flagship event that turned out to be cultural extravaganza, showcasing events that are the heart & soul of Kannada pride

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CURTAINS ON MAGNIFICIENT SPECTACLE, VK KANNADA HABBA

The Vijay Karnataka Kannada Habba concluded successfully on Sunday with thousands thronging on both days to be part of this prestigious flagship programme. It was literally a festive atmosphere on Sunday with a series of programmes enthralling the audience.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who was the chief guest on Sunday, responded positively to the demands proposed by the VK team for promoting and safeguarding Kannada, its people, and language. He has assured the implementation of necessary actions, including a significant initiative to open free Kannada learning centers for non-Kannada speakers residing in the state, thereby integrating them as Kannadigas.

Speaking on Sunday, the second day of the 'Kannada Habba' organised by Vijay Karnataka, Shivakumar outlined efforts to preserve and spread Kannada pride in Karnataka, a land known for its linguistic diversity. He explained that instructions were given this year to celebrate Kannada Rajyotsava across private English-medium schools and various industries by hoisting the Kannada flag and organising cultural events. Approximately 75% of institutions adhered to this guidance, and Shivakumar stated that celebrations would be made mandatory in all organisations from next year.

"With Bengaluru's population nearing 15 million and people from all parts of the country residing here, we will facilitate free Kannada language education, enabling everyone to connect with the language and culture of the land," he added. "Learning centers will be established to ensure the accessibility and convenience of Kannada learning for all."

Reflecting on the deeper meaning of cultural roots, Shivakumar stressed, "Just as roots are essential to a tree, faith and trust are crucial for a person. God neither grants blessings nor curses but only provides opportunities. Let us seize these opportunities to foster the Kannada language. Kannadigas across the world unite to promote our language, culture, and identity wherever they are. Similarly, the 'Vijay Karnataka' newspaper stands as a crown for Kannada language and culture, working to elevate it."

DK Shivakumar Narrates Alexander's Conquest of India

Shivakumar shared the story of Alexander the Great, who set out to conquer the world and reached India. Alexander reportedly told his mentor Aristotle about his plans, to which Aristotle replied, "When you return, bring back five things: the texts of the Ramayana and Mahabharata, Ganga water, Krishna's flute, and the teachings of an Indian philosopher. Possessing these would mean you have truly conquered India."

—Prakash VL

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86,000+ new cancer cases reported in K'taka each year

Proactive steps like lifestyle changes, awareness are crucial, says city doctor

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Mega Cancer awareness 5km walkathon orgnaised by SSBASI in association with Department of health and family welfare, state government (file photo)

According to the cancer registry data, approximately 14 lakh new cancer cases are reported annually in India. Additionally, in Karnataka, an estimated 86,563 new cases and 2.3 lakh cancer cases may be noticed at any given point in time (prevalence).

The Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO) revealed that an average of 14,630 cancer cases are registered in Bengaluru, of which 6,650 are males and 7,980 are females. Among males, lung cancer continues to be the most predominant, with 9.7% of the total male cancer cases, followed by prostate cancer (6.9%), stomach cancer (6.5%), and mouth cancer (6.4%). Among females, breast cancer is the most common, constituting 31.5% of the total female cancer cases, followed by cervical cancer (9.1%), ovarian cancer (6.4%), mouth cancer (4.3%), and corpus uteri (4.2%).

Dr Rajashekhar C Jaka, Consultant-Surgical Oncology and Robotic Surgery, Manipal Hospital Whitefield, said, "We are aware that lung cancer is increasingly prevalent in males, primarily due to smoking, which is the most common cause in males. In addition, rising pollution and chemical exposure contribute to this risk. Multiple factors are causing increasing cases of breast cancer among Indian women, including late childbirth, lack of breastfeeding, hormonal therapy, obesity, excessive junk food consumption, alcohol use, smoking, and infertility, as well as PCOD/PCOS treatments. With increasing incidences of cancer, proactive steps to prevent the disease remain very crucial.

Approximately 1% average percentage change in age-adjusted rate per lakh population is observed in males and females. Most of the cancer patients who come from lower socio-economic strata to the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology are from rural backgrounds with high illiteracy rates and who have limited access to health facilities. About 21,608 new cases are registered every year, of which about 12,500 cases are newly diagnosed in 2023, with about 3.68 lakh footfall accounts in recent years.

> **"Lifestyle habits to prevent cancer may include safe sexual practices, avoiding junk, and eating vegetables & fruits** – Dr Rajashekhar, Manipal

Preventive measures

Dr Jaka said that the chance of survival is higher if diagnosed early. Unfortunately, most of the patients come to treatment institutes in an advanced stage; hence, creating awareness among the public plays an important role in cancer prevention. "As per the World Health Organisation, 30% of cancers are preventable. Smoking is linked to 19 types of cancer in the body, while alcohol causes at least seven to nine types of cancer. Thus, it is very obvious that cessation of smoking and decreased intake of alcohol are the very first steps toward the prevention of cancer. Other lifestyle habits to prevent cancer may include safe sexual practices, avoiding junk food, and adding vegetables and fruits to your daily diet. Daily physical activity, including brisk walking, also helps maintain a healthy life since being overweight, physical inactivity, and obesity also contribute to a few cancers."

Lake gets Happyness boost

Nexus Select Trust has announced the adoption and rejuvenation of the Swami Kunte Lake near Bannerghatta as part of its 'Lakes of Happyness' initiative, reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability. As part of the Lakes of Happyness initiative that started in 2021, Nexus Select Trust set an ambitious goal to rejuvenate 10 lakes. To date, it has successfully revitalised eight lakes across Bengaluru, Chennai, and Maharashtra, with two additional projects to be launched in Hyderabad later this month. With these new additions, the 'Lakes of Happyness' initiative will now encompass 10 lakes, positively impacting over 100,000 people, local wildlife, farmers and creating local job opportunities. **— BMB**

Menstrual leave policy feedback

Karnataka's Labour Department has initiated a public consultation process regarding their proposal for six days of annual paid menstrual leave in the private sector. The department has requested feedback from various stakeholders, including women's organisations, trade unions, and the general public, with a one-month deadline for submissions.

The initiative follows recommendations from an 18-member committee, led by Sapna Mohan, associate dean at the School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University). The committee proposed six-day paid menstrual leave and drafted a bill concerning women's rights to menstrual leave. Several Indian states have already implemented menstrual leave policies. **— BMB**

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

DCM DK Shivakumar and MP Tejasvi Surya conduct Metro trial on extended Green Line

Train talks

During a recent Metro inspection, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar was spotted seated between BJP MP Tejaswi Surya from Bengaluru South and BJP MLA S Muniraju from Dasarahalli. Amidst the inspection, some political discussions surfaced. Surya questioned Shivakumar on the missing Rs 2 crore grants for the Jayanagar constituency. In response, Shivakumar remarked that the delay was due to Jayanagar MLA CP Ramamurthy's harsh criticism of the Congress government, claiming that a Congress-led administration would lead to "anarchy." Following the exchange, Surya was seen trying to reason with Shivakumar. Shivakumar then called over an official to resolve the matter, mentioning that even the Jayanagar MLA had been urging him to release the funds.

Sarcastic much?

The CM's interrogation by Lokayukta sleuths had led to a war of words. Leader Opposition R Ashoka sarcastically questioned the CM a day before the interrogation, looking at the CM's tour plan stating, "CM was scheduled to be on the campaign trail in Channapatna by noon, right after his 10 AM Lokayukta visit. How does he already know the inquiry will be done in just two hours? We expected Lokayukta would arrest him. Is this how investigations work? The CM's itinerary actually lists 'inquiry,' and then he's off to Channapatna for campaigning."

Internal tension

Internal tensions within the BJP have been brewing for some time now. BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal stirred the pot by stating, "If BJP has returned to power, BY Vijayendra must be removed as state unit president, and his father, BS Yediyurappa, should be barred from attending any party meetings." When reporters sought a response, Vijayendra fired back, saying, "Only God knows why Yatnal speaks like this. Who is he to prevent BSY from attending meetings? My father is the one who built this party. If he continues making such baseless remarks, he will get a fitting reply." Yatnal, undeterred, shot back, "BJP's foundation was laid by Vajpayee and Advani. I remain silent, but if provoked, I will respond with force."

Milk hike politics

The demand for a milk price hike has been growing recently, with farmers pushing for an increase while consumers remain opposed. When asked about the issue, KMF Chairman Bheema Naik refrained from commenting, saying, "I don't want to make any statement on milk prices right now, as it's election time, and any comment could have an adverse impact. I will wait until the 13th of this month, and after the by-polls are concluded, I will discuss the matter with the Chief Minister and then address the milk price issue."

Crocodile tears

During the recent Channapatna campaign, NDA candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy was seen becoming emotional and teary-eyed, which sparked a wave of trolling on social media. The videos of his family members shedding tears at past political events resurfaced, and even the Congress party mocked the incident, alleging it was crocodile tears. When asked about the emotional moment, Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy defended his son, saying, "It is true that I have shed tears in the past after seeing the struggles of the people. These tears are not for sympathy, but because we are emotional people. Not everyone sheds tears, as some bad people in politics never do."

Leave or inquiry

Deputy CM Shivakumar was recently quizzed related to CM's interrogation. He said, "Given the upcoming by-elections, Siddaramaiah could have easily taken a week's leave. However, he is choosing to attend the Lokayukta inquiry in Mysuru, reinforcing that those in positions of power must not misuse opportunities." In response to opposition claims that Siddaramaiah was only interrogated for two hours, Shivakumar clarified, "These questions should be directed to the Lokayukta office. Siddaramaiah has done nothing wrong in the MUDA case—he neither signed nor approved anything. He is attending the inquiry because the Lokayukta summoned him." **— Sridhar Vivan**

2,670 cases against delivery riders in a day

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A special enforcement drive conducted to curb traffic violations by e-commerce delivery personnel on Saturday saw 780 delivery executives being booked for riding without helmets. With 12 other violations being included in this special drive, a total of 2,670 cases have been booked against e-commerce delivery personnel and a fine of Rs 13.7 lakh was collected in just one day.

The operation, aimed specifically at delivery riders for e-commerce companies, was intended to enforce road safety measures and ensure compliance with traffic regulations.

Riders skip helmets often

The most common violation was riding without a helmet, with 781 cases booked, resulting in fines totalling 3,90,500. Following helmet violations, riding without a helmet for pillion riders also emerged as a significant issue, with 643 cases booked and fines amounting to 3,21,500. Instances of "No Entry" violations were also notably high, with 404 cases, leading to fines of 2,03,000. Other notable offences included riding in one-way traffic (319 cases), failure to display registration plates properly (119 cases), and parking violations (105 cases).

A total of 26 cases of mobile phone use while riding and 45 cases of traffic signal violations were recorded

Risk safety to meet deadlines

Delivery executives often face immense pressure to meet short deadlines, which can lead them to take risks, use shortcuts, and sometimes violate traffic rules.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic East, Kuldeep Kumar Jain, noted "While delivery services play an important role in the city they tend to take risks and not only endanger the delivery executives themselves but also pose a threat to fellow commuters," he said.

Unrealistic deadlines

"Food delivery partners or e-commerce delivery workers are made to meet unrealistic deadlines of "10-minute delivery" or "30 30-minute food delivery or the food is free", with such promises by the company workers are forced to race against time, also risk their life and meet the deadline," said Vinay Sarathy President of UFDPU (United Food Delivery Partners Union) adding if the workers don't meet these deadlines, they lose their earnings.

Police need to intervene with companies

Traffic violations by delivery executives cannot be justified but they can be monitored as it is essential to ensure the safety of riders and other commuters on the road. "Authorities should also recognise the need to address the issue at its root by collaborating with e-commerce companies, and regulating these rules of unrealistic deadlines," the association said.

New homes in Bengaluru must recycle greywater

BWSSB plans to mandate greywater recycling in new homes, aiming to reduce water use and ease drainage pressure in Bengaluru

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Greywater is the waste water from everyday activities such as washing dishes, doing laundry

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is planning to make 'Greywater Recycling' mandatory for all newly constructed independent houses in the city. BWSSB officials said that this decision was in line with the board's ongoing efforts to ensure efficient water usage and reduce wastage, which is critical as the city faces rising water demand in the coming years.

Greywater refers to wastewater from daily activities such as bathing, washing dishes, doing laundry, and other household uses, excluding any water contaminated with faeces. Improper management of greywater leads to increased demand on the Cauvery water supply and adds pressure on the sewage system. Recycling greywater for household purposes such as gardening and toilet flushing helps reduce the demand for Cauvery water for non-potable uses, thus contributing to overall water conservation efforts in the city.

An official said, "BWSSB has already made it mandatory for apartments with 120 or more flats to establish wastewater treatment units. Expanding on this, the board has now decided to extend the greywater recycling system to independent houses under construction. After consulting with experts in four rounds of discussions, BWSSB has finalised this decision and will soon submit the proposed regulations to the state government for approval. The water demand in India is projected to rise by 22% by next year and 32% by 2050, further stressing the need for sustainable water management. This decision is important in addressing this challenge in Bengaluru."

Currently, 40% of the water supplied by BWSSB is wasted through non-potable uses. Additionally, greywater, which is typically released into drains, contributes to increasing the load on the city's sewerage system. BWSSB Chairman Dr Ram Prasad Manohar explained, "The primary objective of this initiative is to ensure that current water needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. By implementing greywater recycling, we can save up to 50% of water consumption, which could result in an annual savings of ₹20,000 crores for the board."

How does greywater recycling work?

Explaining this, a BWSSB official said, "For this system to function effectively, households must install two separate pipelines for sanitary and greywater. A separate tank will collect the greywater, which can then be used for gardening, toilet flushing, and other non-potable purposes. It is essential to ensure that no shampoo, soap, waste, or solid objects enter the greywater system. In addition, special care must be taken to prevent these contaminants from affecting the recycling process, and a separate drain should be provided to manage any waste. Recycling systems such as RO plants and washing machine-type models will be available for easy implementation. The mandatory greywater recycling system will be required in all new independent houses, and BWSSB will soon submit a proposal to the state government to formalise these regulations."

> **"BWSSB has already made it mandatory for apartments with 120 or more flats to establish wastewater treatment units** –Official

Manohar added, "Greywater recycling is an essential step toward sustainable water management in Bangalore. It will not only help conserve precious water resources but also significantly elieve pressure on the city's drainage system, benefitting future generations."

IN BRIEF

HC rules "go die" not abetment

The Karnataka High Court overturned a lower court's verdict that had convicted a woman and her companion of driving her husband to suicide. Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar ruled that the husband's suicide, triggered by his wife's extramarital relationship with the co-accused, did not provide sufficient evidence to uphold the conviction under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code for abetment of suicide.

The Justice clarified, "Accused Nos 1 and 2 had not intended that the deceased should commit suicide. Merely because the accused persons asked the deceased to go and die so that they can live happily will not amount to abetment. It appears, that the deceased was sensitive as his wife, accused No 1 had an illicit relationship with accused No 2 and upset by that, he might have committed suicide. The evidence on record will not establish that the accused persons, by their acts, abetted the deceased to commit suicide," the High Court said.

HC admits BDA's 12-year petition

The Karnataka High Court has accepted a review petition from the Bangalore Development Authority, despite a delay exceeding 12 years. Justice E S Indiresh has suspended the July 26, 2012 order concerning five acres of land situated in Kengeri. The court will review BDA's petition challenging the directive to pay Rs 25,000 as costs to R Arunachalam, the initial petitioner. The BDA contends that Arunachalam's 2011 petition falsely claimed complete ownership of the property, whilst he had previously sold 4 acres and 20 guntas of the five-acre plot before initiating legal proceedings. The judge stated, "The said aspect of the matter, prima facie, makes it clear that the respondent does not intend to provide any clarification as to explain how he claimed ownership over the land in question as on the date of filing of the writ petition in 2011, and as such, the want of diligence or inaction on the part of the review petitioner (BDA) to file the instant review petition with delay of 12 years requires liberal approach and same is required to be condoned." **BMB**

Covid Scam: Action on panel report after cabinet approval, says Siddaramaiah

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said the investigation into the covid-19 pandemic related irregularities will start after the cabinet approval.

He said the sub-committee was examining the report given by the Justice Michael D' Cunha Commission of Inquiry which investigated alleged irregularities in the purchase of equipment and medicines during the Covid 19 pandemic when the BJP was in power.

"It has not come before the cabinet. The sub-committee is examining the report. Once the sub-committee submits its report, we will discuss that in the cabinet," Siddaramaiah told reporters in Hubballi.

Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao had said on Saturday that the Commission has recommended the prosecution of Yediyurappa and former minister B Sriramulu in connection with the alleged irregularities in purchase of equipment and medicines during the pandemic.

The Karnataka government on October 11 decided to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) and a Cabinet sub-committee to take further action on the D' Cunha commission report. In the "partial" report submitted on August 31 in 11 volumes, the Commission examined the expenditure to the tune of Rs 7,223.64 crore.

Yediyurappa had said there was no question of getting scared by "these threats".

The government was trying to create confusion by digging into the past and this will not serve any purpose, he added.

Reacting to Yediyurappa's comments, Siddaramaiah said, "These are not empty threats. We have formed a Commission headed by Justice Michal D'Cunha. Based on his report criminal action will be taken." **PTI**

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Education on shaky ground

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Quality Assurance Department, only a few have been demolished, with limited new construction work underway, and no steps have been taken to relocate students from other unsafe structures to nearby BBMP facilities.

A BBMP official said, "Demolition work has been completed in areas like Kanakanapalya, Malleswaram, and Bharatinagar, while a new building is underway in Jogupalya, with plans to start work in other locations soon. The state has allocated ₹180 crore for new construction and ₹10 crore for repairs."

The BBMP Commissioner had issued guidelines to encourage NGOs and private companies to partner under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) to improve educational facilities. So far, only one organisation responded, repairing toilets in five schools.

A recent example of concern was the collapse of a Shivajinagar nursery building last year, prompting the BBMP to commission a stability review by the Quality Assurance Department, which identified 19 buildings in critical condition and 67 requiring repairs.

Sources said that recommendations from the Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Department's chief engineer advised zonal and project engineers to take immediate action to repair, renovate, or rebuild these structures as needed. However, little progress has been made in demolishing unsafe buildings or constructing new ones.

State of schools

The condition of school and college buildings across different regions shows a mixed picture. In the Eastern region, 22 buildings are in good condition, while 24 buildings require repairs, and 12 are in a dilapidated state. In the Western region, 30 buildings are in good condition, 32 need repairs, and 6 are in a dilapidated condition.

The Southern region has 6 buildings in good condition, with 8 requiring repairs; however, no buildings are in a dilapidated state here. Mahadevapura has 1 building in good condition, while no buildings require repairs or are in a dilapidated state. In R.R. Nagar, there are 15 buildings in good condition, 1 requiring repairs, and none are dilapidated. Bommanahalli has no buildings in good condition, 1 requiring repairs, and none in a dilapidated state.

Yelahanka and Dasarahalli regions report no buildings in good condition, under repair, or in dilapidated state. In total, there are 73 buildings in good condition, 67 buildings that need repairs, and 19 buildings that are in a dilapidated state.

Lack of coordination biggest hurdle on this road

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K Shakuntala Devi, based on an alleged gift deed, on December 30, 2023.

The Revenue Department officials made no effort to visit the spot for verification before issuing the B-Khata. This site happened to be a road meant for the public. The neighbours approached the BBMP, including Bommanahalli Joint Commissioner demanding cancellation of the B-Khata and measures to stop the construction of structures on the road.

Bangalore Mirror had reported on August 22, 2024, about how the BBMP Revenue Department managed to convert a public road, existing for over 40 years, into private property.

Based on the complaints lodged by neighbours and the documents produced, the BBMP Joint Commissioner (Bommanahalli) finally passed an order on August 29 to cancel the B-Khata. The BBMP assistant revenue officer (HSR Layout Sub-Division), based on the order issued by the Joint Commissioner, issued a notice to K Shakuntala Devi stating that the B-Khata issued to her is cancelled.

Opposing the cancellation, Shankuntala Devi filed a petition in the Court of XVII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge claiming the ownership of the land (road).

However, the Judge dismissed the petition stating that the documents produced by the plaintiff goes to show that the plaintiff is not in possession of suit schedule property and irreparable loss will be caused to defendants when compared to that of plaintiff. "The petition filed by the plaintiff under Order 39 Rule 1 and 2 r/w Section 151 of CPC dated March 7, 2024 is dismissed," the court order read.

While all that has been sorted out, construction material is still lying on the road two months since the B-Khata was cancelled. Residents, pedestrians, and motorists continue to be unable to use the road to reach other roads in the locality. It seems neither the BBMP assistant revenue officer nor the employees at the Joint Commissioner (Bommanahalli) took measures to inform the ward engineer about the cancellation of the B-Khata.

The BBMP Chief Commissioner had issued an order in July and August 2022 directing engineers to ensure that footpaths are free from construction material. Prior to this, the BBMP Chief Commissioner gave a standing instruction in May 2022 to the BBMP engineers to seize all the construction material dumped on footpaths and roads and impose penalty on those responsible for dumping construction material.

Now, the residents of Garvebhavi Palya are wondering if the ward engineer had somehow missed all these orders issued by the BBMP Chief Commissioner.

The BBMP ward engineer claims he was not aware of dumping of the construction material on the road.

"I will take action against those responsible for blocking the road. I will ensure construction material is cleared from the road," the ward engineer told BM.

HEALTH TIP: Tingling or numbness in the tips of your fingers, tongue, toes, or lips can be an indication of low calcium levels in your body

Consumption of fish or fish oil supplements is said to reduce multiple risk factors for heart disease

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All you need to know about...

High-fat dairy

Risk of fatty liver disease
Eating high-fat dairy products which include whole milk, cream, frozen yoghurt, butter, and ghee, may increase the risk of fatty liver disease, according to a study.

Skimmed is better?
The study, published in the Journal of Hepatology Reports, showed that low-medium fat dairy products such as skimmed milk, cottage cheese, and low-fat cheese may be protective, and should be preferred over high-fat dairy to prevent Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD).
MASLD is related to nutrition, but evidence of an association between high-fat and low-fat dairy products is lacking.
To fill the gap, a team of researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in Israel, evaluated this association by performing experimental studies in mice and an observational human study.They found that low-medium fat low-sugar dairy products are more protective than high-fat dairy. In general, high-fat diets may be harmful.

Fatty diet
"It would be advisable to prefer low-fat low-sugar dairy products and minimise intake of high-fat dairy products; however, additional evidence is needed to allow generalisability of our findings," the researchers said.
In the animal study, 6-week-old male mice were fed a high-fat diet (HFD) consisting of lard, soybean oil, and milk fat for 12 weeks.
All HFDs induced similar weight gain and steatosis and did not affect liver enzymes.
Milk fat increases serum cholesterol and advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) levels more than lard or soybean oil.
Further, in 316 patients, the team found that high consumption of low-medium fat low-sugar dairy products was associated with a lower risk for MASLD incidence.

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A GOOD HELPING

2 yummy accompaniments with rice

MORINGA RASAM

INGREDIENTS
- Moringa (Drumstick) leaves: 1 cup, cleaned and chopped
- Moringa (drumstick) cleaned and diced - 2no.
- Tomato: 1 medium-sized, chopped
- Tamarind: A small lemon-sized ball, soaked in water
- Toor dal (split pigeon peas): 2 tablespoons, cooked and mashed
- Garlic: 2-3 cloves, crushed
- Green chilies: 1-2, slit
- Rasam powder: 1 tablespoon
- Turmeric powder: 1/4 teaspoon
- Asafoetida (hing): A pinch
- Mustard seeds: 1/2 teaspoon
- Cumin seeds: 1/2 teaspoon
- Black pepper: 1/2 teaspoon
- Dried red chilies: 1-2
- Curry leaves: A sprig
- Coriander leaves: A handful, chopped
- Ghee or oil: 1 tablespoon
- Salt: To taste
- Water: 3-4 cups

METHOD
- **Prepare the Tamarind Water:** Soak tamarind in warm water for about 10 minutes. Squeeze and extract the juice and keep it aside.
- **Cook the Moringa:** In a pot, add chopped moringa leaves and diced moringa with a little water and cook them for 3-4 minutes until they soften. Set aside.
- **Prepare the Rasam Base:** In the same pot, add tamarind water, chopped tomatoes, crushed garlic, green chilies, rasam powder, turmeric powder, asafoetida, and salt. Bring it to a boil and let it simmer for about 5-7 minutes until the raw smell of tamarind is gone.
- **Add Cooked Dal and Moringa Leaves:** Add the mashed toor dal and cooked moringa tool dal and cooked moringa leaves to the boiling rasam. Add more water if needed to adjust consistency. Let it simmer for another 5 minutes.
- **Prepare the Tempering:** Heat ghee or oil in a small pan. Add mustard seeds and let them splutter. Add cumin seeds, dried red chilies, and curry leaves. Fry for a few seconds until it is aromatic.
- **Combine and Garnish:** Pour the tempering over the rasam and mix well. Garnish with fresh coriander leaves.
- **Serve Hot:** Serve the moringa rasam hot with steamed rice or enjoy it as a light, nutritious soup.

PARIPPU CURRY

INGREDIENTS
- Moong dal (yellow split gram): 1/2 cup
- Toor Dal: 1/4 cup
- Turmeric powder: 1/2 teaspoon
- Water: 2-3 cups
- Grated coconut: 1/2 cup
- Cumin seeds: 1/2 teaspoon
- Green chilies: 2, chopped
- Garlic: 1 clove (optional)
- Mustard seeds: 1 teaspoon
- Dried red chilies: 1-2
- Curry leaves: 1 sprig
- Ghee or coconut oil: 1 tablespoon
- Salt: To taste
- Black pepper powder: A pinch (optional)
- Asafoetida (hing): A pinch

METHOD
- **Cook the Dal:** Rinse both dal thoroughly under running water. In a pressure cooker or pot, add the dal, turmeric powder, and 2 cups of water. Cook until the dal is soft and mushy. If using a pressure cooker, cook for about 2-3 whistles. If cooking in a pot, it may take 20-25 minutes.
- **Prepare the Coconut Paste:** In a blender, grind the grated coconut, cumin seeds, green chilies, and garlic (if using) with a little water to make a smooth paste. Set aside.
- **Combine Dal and Coconut Paste:** Once the dal is cooked, mash it well with a ladle or whisk to get a smooth consistency. Add the prepared coconut paste to the dal. Mix well and add more water if needed to adjust the consistency. Bring it to a gentle simmer for 5-7 minutes on low heat. Add salt to taste and a pinch of black pepper powder if using. Turn off the heat.
- **Prepare the Tempering:** In a small pan, heat ghee or coconut oil. Add mustard seeds and let them splutter. Then add dried red chilies, curry leaves, and a pinch of asafoetida. Fry for a few seconds until aromatic.
- **Add Tempering to the Curry:** Pour the tempering over the cooked Parippu curry and mix well.
- **Serve Hot:** Serve the Parippu Curry hot over steamed rice with a dollop of ghee on top. It's usually the first item to be mixed with rice in the Onam Sadhya, accompanied by papadam and pickle.
- **Tips:** For a more robust flavor, roast the moong dal lightly before cooking.

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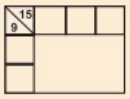
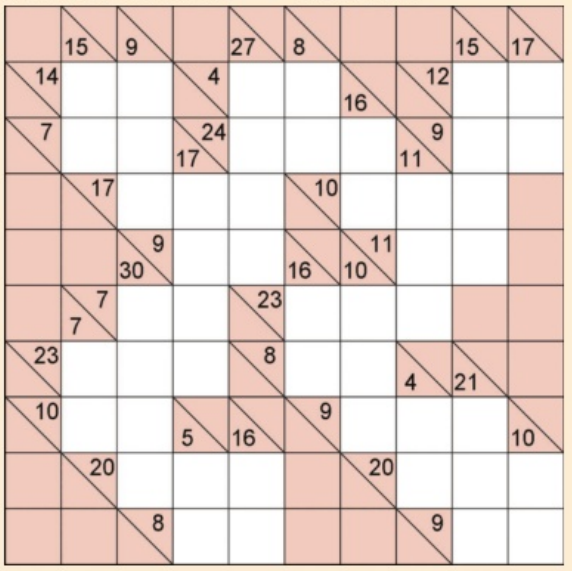
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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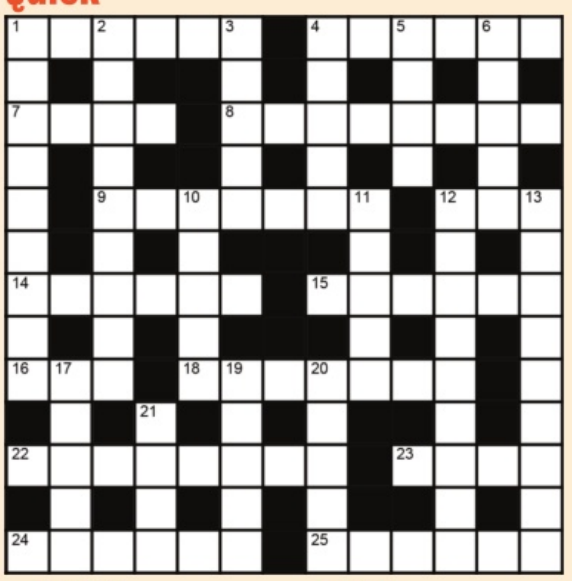


ACROSS

1 Expresses or verbalizes (6)
4 A generous gift (6)
7 Music symbol (4)
8 Meetings for boat races (8)
9 M in M G Road (7)
12 Vidhan sabha member, in short (3)
14 Taking food (6)
15 Abduct for a ransom (6)
16 Intel competitor (3)
18 Makes or becomes dirty (7)
22 Hooked (8)
23 Beat, get better of (4)
24 Strolled (6)
25 Deleted (6)

DOWN

1 S American country (9)
2 Informed about, made known indirectly (9)
3 Hindu sun-god (5)
4 Adorn with precious stones (5)
5 Biblical preposition (4)
6 Lag behind (5)
10 Equine units of height (5)
11 Imitating (5)
12 Cabinet members (9)
13 Prescribed or assigned (9)
17 Computer communications device (5)
19 Subdued (5)
20 Sidestep (5)
21 Invoice (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS P

SMPSNO VQ JBGQ WE YQEYMQ EJ WFQ PSN IY; VQGSIOQ NEI'MM UQQW WFQ OSUQ YQEYMQ EJ WFQ PSN LEPJ.

Linemaro

Welcome to earth, angel

Mindchow

Do what you like and like what you do. It's better than not doing anything

Joke of the day

Advantages of being old: 1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you. 2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first 3. No one expects you to run -- anywhere. 4. People call at 9 pm and ask, "Did I wake you?"

Loop

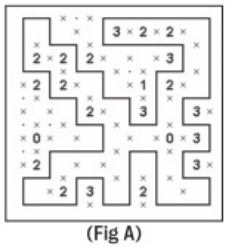
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

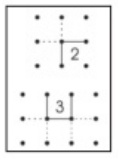
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

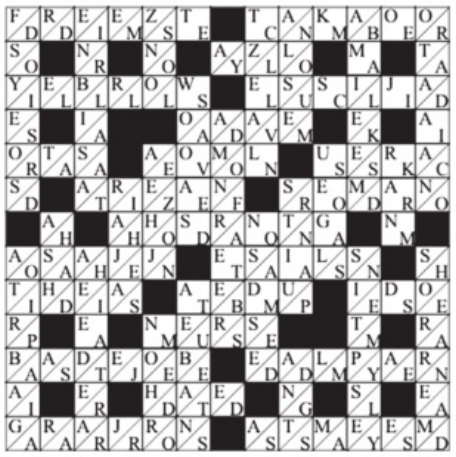


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

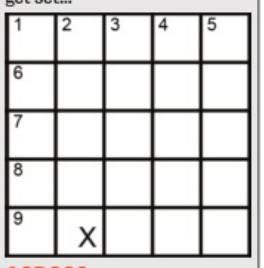
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Strut; 6 Enter; 7 Of net; 8 Divan; 9 Poxes

DOWN

1 Voter; 2 Fixer; 3 Unapt; 4 Tones; 5 Dents

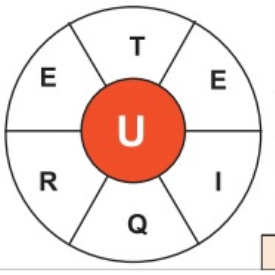
Mensapuzzle

Below is a curious coded message that I received in a note, which indicated it was an old saying. Can you decode it using the chart?

"24 45 11 24 34' 45
'45 24 32 32 45 23 15
35 52 15 43
21 11 45
32 11 14 55 44 24 33 22 44."

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	J
3	K	L	M	N	O
4	P	Q	R	S	T
5	U	V	W	X	Y

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3				2			
6				5	9		8	
7			4					3
1	6	3				4		
	5						3	
		4				1	7	8
3					1			6
	7		2	3				4
			7				5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15
1 4 5 5

Medium = 5
2 5 5 7

Hard = 54
2 6 9 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

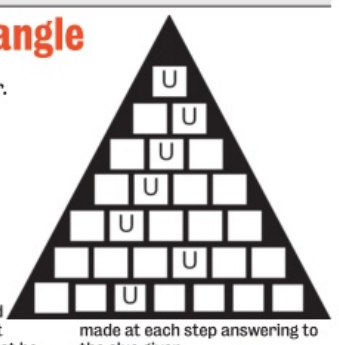
Differences: 1. Brick is moved. 2. Window in door is smaller. 3. Arm is shorter. 4. Sign is different. 5. Hat is different. 6. Ear is different.

Riddler

Solve this rebus:
NNNNNNNAAAAAAACCCCCCC

Alpha triangle

1 21st letter
2 Rugby Union, abbr.
3 Be sorry for
4 Undiluted
5 Our currency
6 Name
7 Broke open

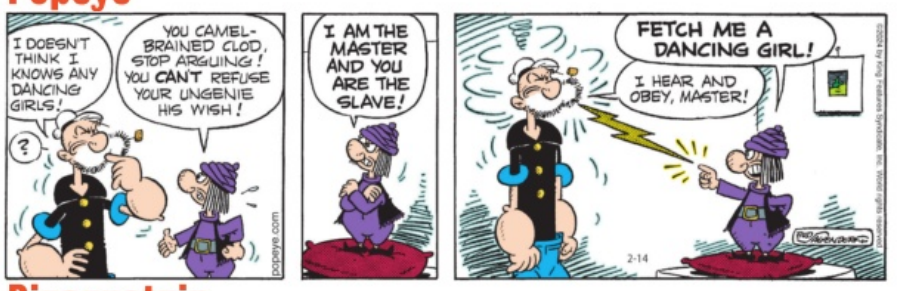


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye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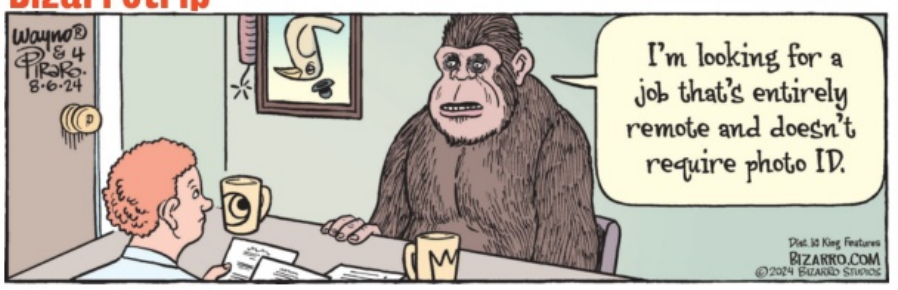
YOU CAMEL-BRAINED CLOD, STOP ARGUING! YOU CAN'T REFUSE YOUR UNGENIE HIS WISH!
I AM THE MASTER AND YOU ARE THE SLAVE!
FETCH ME A DANCING GIRL!
I HEAR AND OBEY, MASTER!
2-14

Bizarrotrip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I'm looking for a job that's entirely remote and doesn't require photo ID.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THANK YOU FOR THE IDEAS, HEART, BUT I'VE ALREADY STARTED PLANNING YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED?!
THAT'S FOR ME TO KNOW AND YOU TO FIND OUT.
I CAN FIND OUT NOW IF YOU TELL ME.
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Crankshaft

I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH THIS BATTON THOMAS, AKA CAPTAIN EIGHT-TRACK.
YOU'RE IN LUCK... HE JUST WALKED IN!
COMIX CORNER
WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF LIFE WORKED OUT LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME?
I'M SKIP RAWLINGS OF THE CENTERVILLE SENTINEL...
SO WHY DO THEY CALL YOU CAPTAIN EIGHT-TRACK?
BECAUSE THEY'RE PHILISTINES.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be able to balance your earnings and expenses, which could boost your bank balance. Your performance at work will likely improve, and your boss may assign you new responsibilities, possibly leading to a promotion. You may recover previously stuck money and gain control over your opponents and hidden enemies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you might feel negative energy around you, which could bring unhappiness. Avoid investing in worthless assets. Friends and those around you may not be very supportive today, so it's best not to rely heavily on others for help to avoid disappointment. Make independent decisions today.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may struggle to present yourself logically and feel down, which could affect your confidence. It's important to follow your intuition when making investment decisions. Colleagues may not be very cooperative with routine tasks, and you should be cautious about consuming unhealthy food to avoid stomach issues.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel energised with the support of family and friends. You might plan to renovate your home or buy some decorative items to enhance your social status. An increase in fixed assets is also possible.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you're likely to be in a good mood, which could make you feel romantic. It's advisable to do some exercise to relieve back pain. You may create productive plans that could benefit your professional future. Good news from your children is likely, and students may perform well. Lovebirds may make significant decisions regarding marriage.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may reconnect with old friends or engage in social gatherings, bringing a sense of excitement. New business innovations are possible, and unexpected material gains may arise. Your children might bring positive news about their studies, and couples may enjoy quality time together.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, control your spending on unnecessary items, as this could impact your savings. Avoid lending money and manage any anxiety to prevent sleeplessness. Stay practical and avoid making emotional decisions. It's also important to keep up with your responsibilities.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may see smart gains from past investments and achieve your goals with minimal effort, boosting your confidence. However, it's wise to moderate your straightforwardness, as it could affect your relationships with those around you.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your investments may yield profits, enhancing your savings. Small investments are likely to bring good returns. Family support may help maintain harmony at home, and you could find yourself in a strong position against opponents and hidden enemies. A promotion or a job change could increase your professional stability.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may experience some instant gains in business, boosting both your confidence and bank balance. However, avoid stress in your domestic life. There may be positive momentum at work, and your prestige may increase. You might also consider planning an overseas trip.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, students may see positive results after thorough research in their studies. Singles might meet a potential soulmate, and a good understanding of their spouse could enhance domestic harmony. Spiritually, you may feel guided toward deeper knowledge. In business, you might create new plans to address workflow issues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today may not be favourable, as you might feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fears could disturb you, and you may feel drawn to occult subjects. A lack of confidence may affect your work, so avoid driving fast or engaging in risky adventures.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√(43-49+1) =
√(64-49+1) =
√(15+1) = √16 = 4

BULL'S EYE
queen, quiet, QUIETER, quire, quirt, quit, quite, REQUITE, true

FAST FIVE

T	R	U	S	T
R	E	N	T	E
O	F	T	E	N
V	I	A	N	D
E	X	P	O	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Always be nice to people on the way up; because you'll meet the same people on the way down.

STRIKE OUT

F	R	E	E	Z	E	C	A	M	B	E	R	S		
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Y	E	L	L	O	W		E	U	C	L	I	D		
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B	A	D	J	O	B		D	A	M	P	E	N		
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A		A	D			M								
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QUICK

A	M	B	L	E	D		E	R	A	S	E	D		
V	O	I	C	E	S		B	O	U	N	T	Y		
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MENSA PUZZLE
The message is "It ain't over 'till the fat lady sings." Numbers are composed from the coordinates of this chart, row first, then column. Thus the letter "i" is 24, "t" is 45, and so forth.

RIDDLER 7-Up Cans

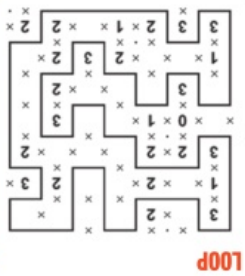
SUDOKU

4	1	2	7	8	6	3	5	9
9	7	6	2	3	5	8	1	4
3	8	5	9	4	1	7	2	6
2	9	4	5	6	3	1	7	8
8	5	7	1	9	4	6	3	2
1	6	3	8	2	7	4	9	5
7	2	9	4	1	8	5	6	3
6	4	1	3	5	9	2	8	7
5	3	8	6	7	2	9	4	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, RU, Rue, Pure, Rupee, Reputed, Erupted.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 4 + 1 + 5 = 15
Medium
2 – 7 + 5 + 5 = 5
Hard
2 – 2 + 9 x 6 = 54

LOOP



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